Nuri Mahmoud Biography

Nuri Mahmoud was born on August 13th, 1977.

He started working as a political activist while he was still in high school. As a result, he was not admitted to study in Syria. Therefore, he was forced to go abroad to the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

In 2007, he started working in the Kurdish National Congress in Erbil until 2011.

In 2012, he became an active member of the Executive Committee of the Democratic Union Party (PYD) and held this post until 2013.

In 2013, he was appointed by the Civil Council in Kobani Canton as an advisor in the establishment of the Legislative Council, the Judiciary, the Executive Council, and many other political offices of the Canton until the end of 2015.

Between 2015 and 2017, he was appointed as the director of the only humanitarian border crossing in Rojava, Semalka border crossing, which separates the autonomous Kurdistan Region of Iraq and Rojava Kurdistan in Syria.

He was appointed as the official spokesperson for the People's Defense Units (YPG) in 2017, and as the commander of the Syrian Democratic Forces headquarters in 2020. He continues to hold these two posts to this day.

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